

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I am the president of a small software company. I have worked in the software business for over 20 years and have watched with increasing concern the domination of the industry by Microsoft.

Speaking as an entrepreneur, the dominance of Microsoft is preventing much new technology from being developed. Many promising avenues of research and product development have been terminated due to direct and indirect influence of Microsoft.

The activities of Microsoft found to be illegal by the court are continuing, even accelerating. The settlement does nothing to address the behavior of Microsoft that caused the DOJ to sue in the first place. The settlement actually contributes to increasing Microsoft's dominance by requiring Microsoft to invest in increasing its market share by providing its products to schools.

I cannot object more strenuously to the terms of the DOJ agreement. The industry needs more diversity rather than less. This deal will accelerate Microsoft's dominance. This will be bad for the US software business and cannot be in the country's or consumers' best interests.

Sincerely,



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